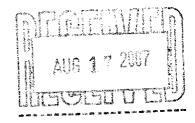
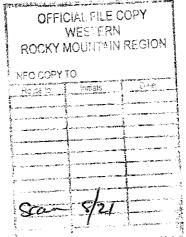
## Town of Berthoud

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Mr. James D. Keselburg Regional Manager, Rocky Mountain Region Western Area Power Administration 5555 East Crossroad Boulevard Loveland, CO 80538

Re: Letter of Interest - Post-2009 Resource Pool

Dear Mr Keselburg;

The Town of Berthoud (located in northern Colorado) formed an Electric Enterprise Fund in 1997 for the purpose of providing municipal electric service to the citizens of Berthoud, Colorado. An Electric Utilities Board was also formed at that time. Berthoud is currently served by Xcel Energy and Poudre Valley REA The franchise agreement with Xcel Energy expired in 1993 and has not been renewed. A ballot issue to allow the Town to issue bonds to acquire the distribution facilities failed in 1998 so the Town does not currently own any distribution facilities The franchise agreement with Poudre Valley REA expired in March 2007 and negotiations are currently under way on an extension of the franchise agreement. One provision of the franchise agreement being proposed by Berthoud is that Berthoud would serve all customers in newly developed areas. Therefore, Berthoud would provide municipal electric service to the customers in these areas as they develop. Currently the electric load for all of the customers in the Town of Berthoud is estimated to be about 4-5 MW of demand and about 25,000 MWh of annual energy. The load for the municipal use including service to the Town's water treatment plant, wastewater plant, street lights and municipal buildings is approximately 500 kW in both the summer and winter seasons and 2,400 MWh of annual energy Lone Tree 115kV Substation is located within about a mile of the proposed development.

The Town of Berthoud is considering applying for an allocation of federal power under the Post-2009 Resource Pool for two purposes.

The first purpose would be to provide electric power to the customers in the new developments

The second purpose would be to provide electric power to the municipal electric load

We have reviewed the Federal Register Notice dated June 25, 2007 and we attended the public information meeting held on July 23, 2007 in Denver. We would appreciate getting any additional information on the Post-2007 Resource Pool process. Correspondence should be sent to:

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Thank you for consideration of our interest and please contact me if you need additional information

Sincerely,
Jim White